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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 25TH, 1909.

WHEN it came under our notice a week or two ago that the Chinese newspapers of Canton were working up a sensation over the presence of a few Japanese on Pratas Island leading to the assertion that this forbidding bit of territory had been "seized by Japan" it recalled to mind a similarly absurd story which appeared in one of the Manila papers about twelve months ago wherein it was set forth with considerable wealth of detail that the British had seized Pedro Blanco, lying between Hongkong and Amoy, and intended to convert the place into a naval base. Those who know Pedro Blanco to be what it is,—a rock with a whitish summit, rising sheer out of the water with scarcely foothold for man or beast—were able to enjoy the joke. Those who had never before heard of Pedro Blanco possibly imagined it to be some forsaken island with perhaps a useful harbour which the aggressive British meant to embrace in some extended scheme of naval fortifications with a view to more effectively dominating the ocean highway from the North to the Colony of Hongkong. It was a hoax, a palpable hoax, and being recognised as such by the Chinese newspaper editors, there was no outcry in the vernacular Press against British aggression; nor did the report acquire the dignity of becoming the subject of diplomatic communications. The report of the alleged seizure of Pratas Island has a little better foundation than the other story possessed, but it has received an amount

of attention out of all proportion to its importance. Pratas Island is situated between Hongkong and Manila, and is usually well in view of the steamers running between the two ports. It is about a mile and a half long and half a mile wide. It is composed of sand, and a description of the island says that not a particle of mould or earthy matter could be found on it. Its shape is that of a horse-shoe, enclosing a shallow inlet or lagoon, which runs into its western side for about half a mile, affording shelter to the Chinese fishermen who have been accustomed to proceed there to fish early in the year. It is not an attractive island on which to found a Colony, for it is waterless and inhospitable to the utmost degree, and nobody would be inclined to remain there a day longer than the business speculation which brought him demanded. What has attracted Japanese to the islands are the phosphates obtainable there. "Gannets" we read, "are numerous, and may be knocked down with a stick." Consequently it is a place where phosphates may be presumed to exist in considerable quantities, and it is no secret that Japanese have been coming to the Pratas Island for several years to ship phosphate to Japan where there appears to be a market for it. According to Chinese reports, the Japanese have made upwards of a million yen out of the business, but this statement should be taken *cum grano salis*. The story that there are over thirty Japanese and forty Formosans permanently living on the island is also one not to be credited. It is probable that the Chinese fishermen who returned to Canton with the story of the annexation of the island by the Japanese encountered there one of these periodical expeditions from Formosa or Japan. The Viceroy sent a deputy down in a warship to investigate. This is probably the first time that China has taken any official interest in the place. It has always been regarded as "no man's land," and about the year 1860, owing to the frequency of British ships being wrecked on the Pratas Shoals, the British Government was asked to erect a lighthouse there, but the Board of Trade declined to move in the matter. Pratas Island does not appear to have been recognised then as territory over which the Chinese Government exercised sovereignty, and the Japanese official communication we published yesterday shows that Japan has no present knowledge that it belongs to China; nor does the Japanese Government regard it as belonging to the Japanese Empire merely because a few enterprising Japanese traders have gone there in the belief that no Power exercised sovereignty there. It is not a prize to be coveted by any Power, and if China is able to establish her claim to the island, the Japanese Government says it is quite prepared to recognise the sovereignty of China over it. But the Japanese Minister in Peking should have little difficulty at securing to the Japanese subjects concerned whatever interests they may have peacefully acquired there in the bona fide belief that this neglected island belonged to no Power.

Another case of plague from Kowloon City was notified yesterday.

A Chinese, evidently with an ear for music, stole a dulcimer which he envied from a friend. He was arrested and brought before Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday and sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

A number of deportees arrived here on Tuesday and Wednesday from Singapore, nine coming the first day and eighteen the second. They will be passed on from here to their native places. It is remarkable that most of the men who come from Singapore have their bodies covered with morphine injection marks.

The Manila Government "mindful of the sudden collapse of a hotel in Hongkong," is making immediate repairs on the Oriente building which, it has been discovered, is threatened by white ants. This building houses the Bureau of Agriculture, Constabulary, Lands, Civil Service and others.

It is announced in our advertising columns that the cinematograph pictures of the World's Championship Prize Fight between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson at Sydney are to be exhibited in the Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next. Seats may be booked at Messrs. S. Montre & Co's. The pictures to be exhibited show the progress of the famous fight from beginning to end and the exhibition therefore will last over two hours.

An interesting prosecution took place before Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday. Sam Chak Yee who is not without means, took his servant with him to Canton and when they returned yesterday he, it was alleged, sent the boy ashore first with a jar which was supposed to be opium and told him to go to the house and have his food prepared for him. The Opium Farmer's staff however had a look at the jar and found that it contained opium. The man discovered all knowledge of the boy, and the Magistrate said he could not convict on uncorroborated evidence and the defendant was discharged.

TELEGRAMS.

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VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, March 24th.

The inhabitants of Nagano prefecture are terrified by the eruption of the volcano Yakegatake, the country being covered with ashes several inches deep for many miles around.

[REUTERS' SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Mr. ROOSEVELT EMBARKS FOR AFRICA.

London, March 23rd.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt embarked at New York to-day en route for Africa.

Immense cheering crowds had assembled with bands to bid the ex-President "Farewell."

RUSSIA'S FAR EASTERN PORTS.

FOREIGN STEAMERS NOT TO ENGAGE IN COASTAL TRADE.

London, March 23rd.

A conference held at the Ministry of Commerce, St. Petersburg, decided in favour of the abolition of the coastal steamer traffic in the Far East under foreign flags from October 14th next, the Governor-General of the Amur being empowered to allow single trips in exceptional circumstances up to October 14th, 1913.

GERMANY AND BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY.

London, March 23rd.

Herr von Schöner, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the Reichstag, explained that, although the representative of Great Britain in an informal conversation had intimated a readiness to come to an understanding with regard to Naval programmes, no proposal had been made of a nature which could form the basis of official negotiation. Friendly Governments, the Minister added, customarily avoid presenting formal proposals of which the reception is doubtful. Germany's naval law had been framed exclusively with a view to her own need of protection and threatened no nation.

SUCCESSFUL ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

NO POLAR CALM, BUT A HIGH PLATEAU.

London, March 24th.

Lieutenant Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition, which left New Zealand in January, 1908, has returned all well.

Lieutenant Shackleton cables to the "Daily Mail" that he turned back on January 9th (?) when in latitude 88 degrees 23 minutes and longitude 162 East, eleven miles distant from the Pole. He fixed the magnetic pole in latitude 72 degrees 75 min. and longitude 154 East.

The British flag was hoisted at both points.

LATER.

In the "Daily Mail" Lieutenant Shackleton describes the narrow escapes and the great hardships experienced by the party in the last three degrees of latitude.

They were on reduced rations—twenty ounces daily—and had to fight against blizzards travelling seventy miles an hour, in drifting snow and 72 degrees of frost. The

party, frostbitten, reached latitude 88 degrees 23 min. on the 26th of December where there is a plateau ten thousand feet high.

Lieutenant Shackleton believes the Pole is situated on this plateau.

The reputed Polar calm is non-existent.

No scurvy was suffered by the members of the expedition throughout the voyage, but there was some dysentery, the effect of eating horse-flesh.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG "DAILY PRESS."]

March 24th, 1909.

SIR, Yesterday a gathering of young folks belonging to the Ministering Children's League was assembled in the garden attached to the Bishop of Hongkong's residence. This Society has been for some time established in this island, and at Kowloon, introduced by Mrs. May, the popular and energetic wife of the Colonial Secretary. So actively was the work of the League carried on in this locality that I understand that last year no less than £100 was realised, and divided amongst various charities.

It may be of some interest to your readers to know that this world-wide League started, now many years since, in Lord Meath's and my house in London; its object being to train young people in unselfish ways and especially to teach them how to be of service to those who suffer. Each branch, as it starts, is invited to take up some definite charitable work, and though the Society was by no means established just for the purpose of inaugurating charitable institutions, yet no less than 20 buildings devoted to religious and benevolent work are scattered far and wide about the globe.

England can boast of eight of these, Australia claims five, while in the United States, Egypt, Russia and elsewhere "ministering" hands have been actively at work to brighten the lot of the poor, the sick, and the suffering. The League is now being introduced into Japan—where it has found warm supporters.

Last year, at a time when I was very unwell in Germany, and unable to attend to the work of the League, I received from two high dignitaries of the Church in Australia, assurance of the good and lasting work done by the League in the Colonies.

The Ministering Children's League is undenominational; it exists only to do good and to teach the young that happiness lies, not in the direction of self-gratification, but in self-sacrificing devotion to lofty aims, serving God by serving fellow-man.

The Central Office of the Society which has found favour not only in British dominions but in a rapidly increasing number of foreign lands, is at 83 Lancaster Gate, London—the house where it was originally founded—and I have the privilege of being its Central Hon. Secretary. Mrs. May, will, I am sure, kindly give any local information which may be required respecting this Association.—I remain, Sir, Yours faithfully,

M. T. MEATH.

Government House, Hongkong.

"THE LAND OF PERPETUAL LIFE AND BEAUTY"

Java is yearly attracting an increasing number of tourists, and those who have spent a holiday among the beauty spots of the island have come away with the most agreeable impressions. Something has been done to advertise the island in recent years by the publication of illustrated guide books. One has recently been published by the Raymond and Whitcomb Tourist Company of the United States. The little brochure has been written by Captain A. Akin-Higgins, who is connected with the firm, and is at the present time in Canton with a party of American tourists with whom he has been travelling since October 1st. "Java: the Land of Perpetual Beauty" is the title it bears, and we have seen no handier guide of Java of greater use to the tourist. Besides a brief and interesting description of the many beauty spots of the island, interspersed with a number of attractive photographic views, the brochure contains useful hints to travellers concerning the Dutch Archipelago, Bangkok, Johore and the Islands of Penang and Singapore.

STEAMER UNABLE TO SAIL.

PECULIAR POSITION AT MANILA.

The Cablenews American reports:—The Compania Maritima Line "Nai Macloed," which was scheduled to sail for Davao and Mindanao ports on Tuesday evening last, is tied up to her wharf, deserted by her crew of deckhands and firemen. Much of the cargo consists of inflammable material, such as a large consignment of petroleum, and the steamer is being guarded by two American and one native policeman.

The trouble is the upshot of the crew's repudiation of an agreement entered into last December, their refusal to comply resulting in their discharge by the captain. Efforts to secure a fresh crew have met with no success, thus far, Pedro Guerrero, of the mariners' union, has been appealed to for aid but up to a late hour had not decided what to do in the premises.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

THE ENTERTAINMENTS AT HAPPY VALLEY.

THE TIFIN.

There was no end of sport and pleasure at Happy Valley yesterday in connection with the welcome to the American Squadron. The first item on the programme of the local Entertainment Committee for the day was tiffin; after which followed a well-arranged programme of sport. The rejoicings of the hour were not only shared by British and Americans, for French and Portuguese sailors in part were also invited to the celebrations.

Arrangements were in the hands of a capable and energetic Entertainment Committee, of which Mr. T. F. Hough was the hon. secretary, and they certainly carried out their task remarkably well. They had arranged to provide tiffin for 1,060 sailors and soldiers of different nationalities, who were conveyed to the Happy Valley, free of cost, by the Electric Tramway Co. The men invited were 650 American sailors; 150 British bluejackets; 200 soldiers of the garrison; 20 French sailors and 40 Portuguese sailors.

The basement of the Jockey Club stand, the weighing-in room, and the basement of the members' stand were utilised for the tiffin. There was no rush or confusion in the seating of the guests or the serving of the tiffin. All was done with the precision of a regiment on parade. The Buffs Band, who provided music during the afternoon, were in readiness before the tiffin hour. A minute before the time arranged for the meal they struck up "The Roast Beef of Old England." This was followed by a March, and the guests marched to the different tables and took their seats. Stragglers there were, who were delayed by duty or otherwise, but Mr. T. F. Hough was waiting to see that they were not left to the romantics. With cheery words and an engaging smile he found seats for them, and had "boys" at their elbows to attend their wants. Other members of the committee were also assiduous in their attention to the guests, and none went hungry. In short, better arrangements for a large spread were never made in Hongkong, and all retired from the banquetting halls with an air of satisfaction.

There was a short spell before the Sports programme was proceeded with, and in this interval the American tars appeared to find great amusement in engaging in a tug-of-war with a number of Chinese coolies. Some ten sailors would make fast to one end of the rope and beckon the Chinese to take the other. The coolies needed little persuasion, and as many as could be accommodated would take charge of the other end. Then the pull would begin. It was not the coolies' aim, however, to pull the Americans over the line. Their enjoyment was when the visitors got "down to it" to let go the rope and see them measure their length on the ground. An onlooker said something about the American-Chinese Alliance while this sport was proceeding, but the Chinese will have to be more considerate with Uncle Sam than they were yesterday before such a thing can come to pass.

THE SPORTS.

Following tiffin came the sports, which produced some very good events, most exciting of all being the tug-of-war competition. The American sailors are long and strong pullers, but they must have been considerably perplexed as to the man from whom they were to take instructions, there being so many telling each team to "heave" and "dig their heels into the ground." Much amusement was afforded by the Obstacle, Three-legged and Richa races while the sprinter had many opportunities of showing his quality. Needless to say, Corporal Andrews of the Buffs was to the fore, winning most of the events he entered with comparative ease. The various events resulted as follows—

100 Yards Race. Post Entries.

Andrews, Buffs 1

Miller, R.G.A. 2

Crump, R.G.A. 3

Owing to the numerous entries this event was run off in three heats, the final seeing six starters. It resulted in an easy win for Andrews who could have given the rest of the runners a start of at least three yards. The race between Miller and Crump for second place was a good one, the former just managing to pass the line first. Time 11-1/5 secs.

Long Jump Running—1. Dray, 18ft 5; 2. Conrad, 18ft 32; 3. Freeman, 16ft 81.

High Jump—1. Gunner, Thomas, R.G.A., 4ft 113; 2. Private Saster, Buffs, and Drummer Smith equal 4ft 10.

220 Yards—1. L. Corp Andrews; 2. Bunyard Tamar; 3. Private Miller, Buffs. Andrews won with about six yards to spare.

Three Legged race each one of a pair to be of different nationality—1. Osborne (Charleston) and Evans (Buffs); 2. Wilson (Chattanooga) and March (Buffs); 3. Scamp (Buffs) and Cram's (Charleston).

Tug-of-War—semifinal in competition for American teams—Cleveland and Denver had a heroic tussle for entry into the final. The pull continued for about twelve minutes, during which the fortunes of both teams wavered. However Cleveland claimed the victory after a magnificent rally.

One Mile, open to eight starters from the American fleet, and four from the British Garrison—1. L. Corp Keop, Buffs; 2. Sgt Sturdy, Tamar; 3. L. Corp Mills, Buffs.

Keop was favourite and ran with an easy stride followed by Sturdy, the marine who has just arrived here with a splendid sporting reputation. Time—5m, 1/25 sec.

Tug-of-War for British teams—R.G.A. (35rd Coy) H.M.S. Monmouth. The gunners won easily King Alfred (R.G.A.) (87th Co.). A remarkable pull, but the Artillery, who are regarded as the crack team, managed to pull of a win. Merlin v R.E. The Engineers won after a pull lasting 3-10 secs. In the semi-final the 87th Coy R.G.A. beat 83rd Coy, Buffs beat R.E. easily.

Quarter Mile, open to starters from the American fleet, the British fleet and the Garrison—1. L. Corp Andrews, 2. Pte. Foster, Buffs; 3. Cowell, King Alfred, Time, 53 secs.

Andrews won comfortably, with about 20 yards to spare. Relay Race, open to teams from any ship of the American squadron—1. Denver; 2. Cleveland; 3. Charleston.

Obstacle Race—1. Private Marsh, Buffs; 2. Shipwright Way, King Alfred; 3. O'Brien, Cleveland.

Richa Race, each one of pair of different nationality race 50 yards, one man pull and the other sit afterwards change—Harrison (Merlin) and Arthur (Helena) Bruce (Cleveland) and Crumpe (R.G.A.) divide 1 & 2; Bell (Monmouth) and Javery (Cleveland), 3. Most amusing contest.

Sack Race—1. Private Murrell, Buffs; 2. Sharp Chattanooga; 3. Brown, R.G.A.; 4. Scamp, Buffs.

Lady Erskine will present the prizes at six o'clock this evening.

MASONIC SMOKING CONCERT.

To welcome American Masons to Hongkong, the Naval and Military Lodge held a smoking concert at the Masonic Hall last night under the patronage of the two Grand Lodges. The hall was prettily draped with flags, and contained a large and enthusiastic attendance. The guests of the evening could not have received a better welcome. No detail had been overlooked by the promoters, and an excellent musical programme had been arranged. Sentimental and comic songs, recitations and musical selections were provided by Messrs. Nolan, Sanders, Fay, Osberby, Scott, Cross, Caesar, Hutchinson, Jarvis, Trimble, Ladd and Captain Parkes, while the Buffs Band played admirable selections of music.

Mr. West, Master of the Lodge, presided, and during the evening proposed the toast of President Taft, coupled with the name of Lieutenant Cameron of the American flagship. He said he considered it a very great honour to be the Master of the first Masonic Lodge in the East whose members had the opportunity of drinking to such a toast. The new President of the United States had visited Hongkong twice within the last two years, and was well acquainted with our shores. He had no doubt he was voicing the general sentiment when he said that he hoped soon to see him again. There was only one body of men who did not wish to meet him (No, no.) and that was the chair coolies (laughter). No doubt those who felt his weight on his last visit still remembered him (laughter). In honouring the toast proposed those present would not only be honouring President Taft, but also Brother Taft (Applause).

Lieutenant Cameron, in responding to the toast, thanked all for the hearty manner in which it had been honoured. The Americans present hardly attended as Americans, as many knew no country. They were present as brothers and had great pleasure in meeting brothers of the same order (Applause). He would thank all very much for the kindness extended to his countrymen and take his seat.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Wednesday, 24th March.

BEFORE COMMANDER BASIL, R.N., (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

UNLAWFUL ANCHORAGES.
Constable Connor proceeded against nine boatmen for laying in their boats within one hundred yards from low water mark.

All the defendants pleaded guilty, and each was fined \$3.

OBSTRUCTION.
Two boatmen were prosecuted for laying alongside the Wing Lok Street steps in such a manner as to prevent the free access of other vessels thereto.

Defendants pleaded guilty and the first was fined \$5 or fourteen days, and the second \$3 or ten days.

CONCEALING A BOAT'S NUMBER.
Dr. Grime, Health Officer of the Port, prosecuted the owner of a licensed passenger boat for concealing the number of his boat.

Defendant denied that his number was covered, but his Worship, after hearing the evidence, held that it was, and imposed a fine of \$50, in default, two months' hard labour.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

We are informed that at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders of the above Society the Directors will, subject to audit, recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$17 for the year 1907, and an interim dividend of \$30 for the year 1908.

MARRIAGE AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The marriage of Mr. G. G. Sutherland Forsyth, sub-accountant at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Miss Margarette Moir was quietly celebrated at St. John's Cathedral, yesterday afternoon. The bride, who was charmingly attired, was attended by Miss Jacobs as bridesmaid, while Mr. J. F. Cox, J. Edwards performed the duties of a "best man." The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. T. Johnson. The service was semi-choral, the only hymn sung being "O Perfect Love," while Mr. Denman Fuller played appropriate wedding music. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Government Civil Hospital by Dr. and Mrs. Bell, at which there was a large attendance of invited guests.

r. and Mrs. Forsyth leave for Home by the Mongolia on Saturday via America.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The following has been forwarded to us for publication.

CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE TO CHINESE SEAMEN.

The following reply to Government was sent:—
Chamber of Commerce,
18th March, 1909.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have now considered your letter of 30th January, 1909, (No. 483; 19-9) regarding the granting of continuous Certificates of Discharge to Chinese Seamen.

A similar system has been in force for some years with regard to British Seamen and my Committee understand that while the benefits conferred by this innovation are doubtful, it gives rise to considerable trouble to employers and has not resulted in the good anticipated when the scheme was inaugurated.

As applied to Chinese, the similarity of name so often found, and the difficulty of identification even when the Certificate bears a photograph, makes the scheme in the view of my Committee impracticable.

Another aspect of such a system on the China Coast would be a decided disadvantage to British Shipping in obtaining labour and my Committee are, therefore, unable to support the proposal put forward by the Harbour Master which, if adopted, would in their opinion increase the cost and difficulty in securing good seamen without conferring any benefit upon the ship owner in return.—I have, &c.,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

QUARANTINE STATION AT LAICHIKOK.

The following reply was forwarded to Government:—

Chamber of Commerce,
16th March, 1909.

SIR,—I have now the honour to state in reply to your letter of 2nd February, 1909, on the subject of the Quarantine Station at Laichikok, that my Committee approve of the amended regulations under Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, (No. 10 of 1899).

I am to ask you to convey the thanks of this Chamber to His Excellency the Governor for his consideration of its views in the matter.—I have, &c.,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

THE PETITION FOR LIGHTS.

The following letter was sent to the Government:—

Chamber of Commerce,
18th March, 1909.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that my Committee have had before them the copy of a widely signed petition of Masters of River and Coastal Vessels addressed to the Honourable the Harbour Master to the effect that:—

(1) A light be placed on the southern end of Kaping Island to act as a leading light across the Harbour to Kaping Moon Pass.

(2) and that a light be placed either on Tong Ku Island or Boulder Point to act as a leading light for turning into Brothers Channel and also for the West River Steamers passing between Tong Ku and San Chau.

My Committee consulted several of the principal shipping firms and from them learn that the lights petitioned for would be not only useful but are actually necessary for safe navigation.

In the opinion of this Chamber therefore, the light suggested in the first paragraph of the petition is one which is urgently required and should in their opinion receive the consideration of the Government; the erection of the latter light could be postponed temporarily if the condition of the Colony's finances render such a step desirable.

The Committee of the Chamber trust that this matter will receive the earnest consideration of His Excellency the Governor. I have, &c.,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE 26th SEPTEMBER, 1906.

The following reply was sent to the Government:—

Chamber of Commerce,
24th March, 1909.

SIR,—I am directed to reply to your letter of the 26th February, 1909 (No. 3599/1907), forwarding a copy of a despatch addressed to the Government by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and enquiring whether this Chamber supports the adherence of the Colony to the International Convention of the 26th September, 1906.

My Committee do not consider that restrictive measures of this nature should apply to a Colony employing Asiatic labour. In their opinion the labourer in this Colony is relatively better off than his European confrere and it will be time enough for the Colony to adopt protective measures when it can be shown that labour is unjustly treated by employers. The trouble of facing a local employer are already great enough without unnecessarily adding thereto.

For these reasons my Committee regret that they cannot support the adherence of the Colony to the Convention.

I beg to return the Memorandum as requested.—I have, &c.,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

With the exception of the Soldiers Shield Final there were no games of any importance last week. In the Football League the Y.M.C.A. obtained the expected win over the B.O.C. and the Naval Yard vanquished the Lusitano Club by 8-1. The league engagements are now nearly finished; the only games to be played are as follows:—

Buffs to play R.E., Naval Yard and B.O.C.
Y.M.C.A. to play R.A.M.C. and R.G.A.
Naval Yard to play R.E., Buffs and R.G.A.
R.E. to play Naval Yard, Buffs and B.O.C.
Boys Own Club to play R.E. and Buffs.
R.G.A. to play Y.M.C.A. and Naval Yard.
R.A.M.C. to play Lusitano
Lusitano to play Y.M.C.A. and R.G.A.

The whole of the League teams will be engaged on Saturday as follows:—
Causway Bay 3 p.m.—B.O.C. v. Buffs. Referee, Sapper Hoigh.
Causway 4.30 p.m.—Lusitano v. R.G.A. Referee, Sgt. Walsh.

Military ground 2.40 p.m.—Y.M.C.A. v. R.A.M.C. Referee, Gunner Marsh.
Naval ground 2.45 p.m.—Naval Yard v. R.E. Referee, Corpl Edwards.

The following Saturday, April 3rd, we are to have a grand match between Civilians and Military for League funds. This meeting should produce a good game and given fine weather there will be no doubt be a large attendance of patrons. The Civilian team will be strong of course. The combination of Buffs, R.E., R.G.A. and R.A.M.C. will result in a fine team.

The R.E. vanquished the King Alfred by 5-3 and took possession of the Soldiers Shield. On form of late I quite expected the King Alfred to win this match, but the R.E. are well renowned for serving up surprises. The Buffs are certain winners of the Hongkong Daily Press Cup, so that the Navy and Army take all the trophies this season, leaving the Civilians out in the cold.

No doubt the League will be a means of improving Civilian Football, as it will give plenty of practice. The Football Association has been formed and teams intending to affiliate should send their names to Mr. Alex. Storrie, the Secretary, care of Y.M.C.A., accompanied with the subscription of \$5 for teams resident in Hongkong, 1st and 2nd Class Cruisers, and \$2 for Naval teams rated below 2nd Class Cruisers. This subscription is for season 1908-09.

I hear the following have been selected for the Military team: Beasley (R.G.A.); Bartlett (Buffs) and Coxon (R.E.); Waters (B.A.); Walton (A.S.C.) and Dare (Buffs); Barker (Buffs) and Drew (Buffs); Watts (R.A.); Taylor and Brewster (Buffs). Reserves—Meany (R.E.), Sgt. Kelly (Buffs), McCrone (R.E.), Bulor (Buffs).

REFeree.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON DOCK V. H. K. CLUB.

It has long been matter for comment that Kowloon Dock did not form a football club with the good players it is able to muster. Though the club has not yet come into existence, the spirit is there, and the occasional games which have been played on the limited ground at Kowloon Dock resulted in a friendly match being arranged with the Hongkong Club at the Happy Valley. The teams met yesterday, and an interesting game resulted in a draw, one goal each. The Kowloon players shaped very well indeed. At times they showed a hesitation to attack, to follow up advantages, and had they adopted more bustling tactics they might have been able to claim a win. The goalkeeper, too, did not handle smartly enough but they may pride themselves on having done so well in their first encounter, especially with a team of the standing of the Hongkong Club. Play ruled fairly even throughout. The Club scored in the first half and the second moiety was well advanced before the Dock managed to equalise. This was the result of a drive by Brown being returned by Burst and the leather rebounding off a Club player's back into goal. Naturally this infused more "go" into the Kowloon men who were unfortunate in not adding a second a few minutes later. Buist kicking and fisting out very cleverly. Just on the call of time the Dock men sent in a shot which was apparently stopped by the goalkeeper just through the line, but the point was not noted.

The teams were: Kowloon—Wilkie; Ross and Stubbs; Wilson, Lapsley and Clements; Long and W. Brown; R. G. Brown; Punccheon and Grey; Club—Buist; Hamilton and Gregory; Morris Barlow and Beverington; Hertalett and Aueott; May; Hunter and Goldenberg.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.N. Co.'s str. *Huay* left Haiphong on the 20th instant, and is due here to-day.
The C.N. Co.'s str. *Tanung* left Manila on the 23rd instant, and is due here to-day.
The C.N. Co.'s str. *Wuhu* left Weihaiwei on the 20th instant, and is due here to-day.
The C.N. Co.'s str. *Sungkiang* left Cebu on the 23rd inst., and is due here on the 27th inst.
The C.N. Co.'s str. *Changsha* left Sydney on the 10th inst., and is due here on the 4th prox.
The French str. *Binkhuon* left Haiphong on the 24th instant, and is due to arrive here on or about the 28th inst.

The H.A. Linie str. *Belgravia* left Singapore on the 22nd instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 29th instant a.m.
The I.G.M. str. *Prinz-Regent Luipold* which left here on Wednesday, the 24th ultimo at 10 a.m.
The German str. *Borneo* left Sandakan on Monday, the 22nd instant p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 28th instant a.m.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

The report of this Company is as follows:—
Gentlemen,—The General Manager and Consulting Committee beg to present to the shareholders the sixth ordinary yearly report of the Company.

The accounts show a profit of ... \$104,895.09
From this has to be deducted:—
Fees to consulting committee ... \$4,000.00
Bonus to European staff for 1907 ... 2,850.00 6,850.00
Leaving available for appropriation ... \$ 97,845.09

The consulting committee recommend that a dividend of 10% on the subscribed capital be paid to shareholders.
Write off Hongkong saw-mills ... \$ 55,200.00
" engineering works ... 10,000.00
" launches and lighters ... 5,000.00
" plant ... 2,500.00
" timber concessions ... 1,145.09
" Kadat pier and house ... 1,000.00
Property ... 15,000.00
To carry to reserve ... 3,000.00
Provision for bonus to staff for 1908 ... \$ 97,845.09

Consulting Committee.—Mr. A. G. Wood retired on leaving the Colony and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar was invited to join the committee, his appointment requires confirmation. In accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., retires, but offers himself for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. W. H. Potts who offers himself for re-election.
J. WHEELEY,
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 15th, 1909.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1908.

CAPITAL.—50,000 shares each \$12= \$720,000.00
Less 14,000 shares unissued each \$12= 168,000.00
\$552,000.00
Sundry creditors ... 11,832.78
Reserve account ... 25,000.00
Balance of working account ... 104,695.09
\$693,527.87

ASSETS.
Hongkong saw-mills.—
Value as per last statement ... \$151,505.84
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00
\$146,505.84
since added ... 5,924.10
152,429.94

Sandakan saw-mills.—
Value as per last statement ... 89,066.57
since added ... 21,262.93
110,329.50

Steam launches and lighters.—
Value as per last statement ... \$105,223.21
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00
\$100,223.21
since added ... 20,601.59
120,824.80

Fandakan engine works and shipway.—
Value as per last statement ... \$91,131.29
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00
86,131.29

Plant.—
Value as per last statement ... \$21,569.06
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00
\$16,569.06
since added ... 1,292.13
17,861.19

Land and house property.—
Value as per last statement ... \$ 5,269.53
Less value of property sold ... 1,460.00
3,809.53

Kadat pier.—
Value as per last statement ... \$ 2,000.00
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 1,500.00
500.00

House and office furniture.—
Timber concession.—
Value as per last statement ... \$18,948.77
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 2,568.74
16,380.03

Stock of rough and sawn timber, stores material &c. ... 124,302.42
Suspense account ... 2,850.00
Sundry debtors ... 6,824.10
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, cash with ... 34,427.37
Cash in hand ... 14,577.67
\$693,527.87

WORKING ACCOUNT.

To management and office expenses and general charges at Hongkong and in Borneo ... \$ 42,415.64
To exchange ... 42,982.39
To balance ... 104,695.09
\$190,013.12

By profit on sales of rough and sawn timber &c. ... 189,625.21
By interest ... 316.9
By scrip fees ... 71.00
\$190,013.12

By kind permission of the Officers, the band of the 132 Rajputs, under Bandmaster Coke, will play the following programme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday the 25th March, 1909 (weather permitting):—
March ... U. S. 102 Cavalry
Waltz ... U. S. 102 Cavalry
Valse ... U. S. 102 Cavalry
Duet ... U. S. 102 Cavalry
Una voce ... U. S. 102 Cavalry
Cade Walk ... U. S. 102 Cavalry
Una Dance ... U. S. 102 Cavalry
God Save the King.

THE OPIUM ON THE "PRINCESS ALICE."

The evidence given at the Singapore Police Court by the chief cook with regard to the opium found at Singapore on the last homeward-bound German Mail steamer, was as follows:—

Mr. Prons, the chief cook, said that he received a request to take two boxes at Shanghai. It did not come from anyone in connection with the ship. It was by letter, and no intimation was given as to the contents of the boxes. At Singapore he was to send them to Ballio Hotel, where they would await the arrival of the person who wrote the letter. The boxes were handed to him on board the tender by a Chinaman, who brought no letter but mentioned the name of the writer of the letter. Witnesses asked the baggage master to take them into the baggage room. After they came back from shore in Singapore he saw them again.

He assisted the baggage master in opening them in the baggage room and having examined the contents left them there. When he received the boxes at Shanghai he had no suspicion that they contained opium. He had never seen it before. He did not even suspect it when he saw the box leaking here. The man who sent the letter was a steward on board another ship of the N.D.L. witness had met in Singapore about eight months ago. He merely took the cases to please him because he asked him in a friendly way to do so. It was asked for officers of the company to have boxes forwarded to them in this way on the company's steamer.

Cross-examined by Mr. Carter, witness said that he received the letter in a question at Hongkong on his way to Shanghai and tore it up immediately after perusal as was his usual custom. It was stamped Singapore. The steward was on the Singapore Bangkok run and never went to China.

He had never told anyone that he had received the letter from the Chinese steward. Mr. Perkins then addressed the court, and said regarding the employment of the Co. referred to that his police and the Co. had telegraphed instructions that he be not allowed to desert.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE CHARACTERISTICS.

A correspondent of the *Japan Advertiser*, in the course of an article headed "Chinese Characteristics," says:—

The Chinese are very quick to learn and beat Japanese youths in more than one respect. Place them side by side with Japanese of the same age and the same class and hear what the teachers say. The Chinese have more mental capacity and are quicker in drawing conclusions. At present they are following the Japanese teachers with the docility of children, but this will soon be a thing of the past. They will assert themselves with irresistible force one of these days. The Japanese emerged gloriously from their period of tutelage and asserted themselves with confidence in their ultimate success, and they have a reverential memory for their teachers to this day. The Chinese are simply walking in the Japanese footprints, and they will some day turn their backs on their Japanese teachers, saying: "Thank you very much for the guidance which you have given us, but we can take care of ourselves now."

The *Japan Mail* community on this says:—
We have heard the same thing said by other observers. Undoubtedly the Chinese student is very quick to learn. That fact was recognized fifty years ago in Hongkong. The Japanese also is very quick to learn. We have heard it said in a foreigner of long experience that an average class of Japanese lads is much apter in acquiring mathematical knowledge than a class of English lads. But while willing to do fullest justice to the excellent ability of the Chinese student, we are inclined to doubt whether he possesses another moral gift in the same degree as the Japanese—the gift of earnest determination. It was by observing how largely the Japanese student is lowered by the quality that we ourselves originally acquired a firm faith in his future. The sacrifices he will make in the course of acquiring knowledge indicate a character of quite exceptional force. There are at this moment youths hawking newspapers in Tokyo in order to obtain means for defraying their school fees, and there are Japanese youths serving as domestic servants in foreigners' houses for the sake of obtaining knowledge of a foreign language. Nothing to deter the Japanese youth in his pursuit of instruction. Has the Chinese student a similar fund of grim determination? He may have. We have not had sufficient opportunities for judging to be qualified to say "yes" or "no." But we have never seen in the Japanese youth's peer in this respect. Such a setting of the teeth in pursuit of learning prepares us to find it accompanied by a spirit of enterprise. And it is so accompanied. There are at this moment Japanese braving all kinds of hardships to develop some special faculty or obtain some special information which shall serve as a stepping stone to preferment. The great majority of them never emerge into public observation, but when the rare opportunity comes, they are ready to seize it. There is a great deal to be taken into consideration before all the materials for comparison are marshalled.

BRITISH ARMY'S STRENGTH.

INCREASED POPULARITY OF THE SERVICE DURING 1908.

The general report on the British Army, including the recruiting statement, for the year ending last September, was issued last month. It shows that, notwithstanding the temporary disorganization caused by the new Army scheme, the service proved more popular than in 1907. Up to September 30, 1908, the strength of all branches of the military forces of the country stood as follows:—

Army Estimates. Strength.
Regular Army—
British Establishment ... 179,066 ... 175,405
Indian Establishment ... 76,155 ... 75,919
Army Reserve ... 142,000 ... 133,949
Special Reserve ... 80,301 ... 63,151
Territorial Officers and Men 313,673 ... 197,258
Excluding re-enlisted men and those from the Regular Army amounted to 37,175, or an increase as compared with the preceding year of 2,259 men. Two reasons are given for the increase—namely, practically unrestricted recruiting for the mounted corps throughout the year, and the depression of trade.

The quality of the men coming forward was equal on the whole to that of those who presented themselves for approval in 1907.

Reports speak favourably of the class of recruits. The class of education is improving, and they are uniformly well behaved. The number of recruits discharged as invalids is still further diminished.

THE FLOGGING OF CRIMINALS IN HONGKONG.

The *Japan Mail* says:—

"Is it really necessary, we wonder, to add flogging to imprisonment in punishing Chinese criminals? So long as we can remember, the practice in the Hongkong Supreme Court has been such, and though occasional protests have not been wanting, the thing has gone on without interruption. The present Chief Justice, Sir Francis Eggo, is just the man to put a stop to the custom if he deemed that public morality would be served by so doing. Usage would count for very little in his eyes. Yet he shows no sign of a disposition to abandon the custom. On the 24th of February his Honour sentenced no less than 7 men to be whipped in addition to long terms of imprisonment. It seems to us, and it must seem to all who pause to think, that by thus taking up and applying in a British Court of law a practice which figures among the recognized abuses of Chinese Courts, either the latter are justified for the former is degraded, English criminals are no longer flogged, because it is clearly recognised that such treatment fatally breaks down a man's self-respect and correspondingly diminishes his chances ever again becoming a respectable member of society. The penal tribunals thus become destructive of morality instead of constructive."

Does a Chinaman's self-respect belong to a category of lighter qualities? Is he such an inferior order of being that his sense of shame is not impaired by treatment which reduces an Englishman to despair? If so, then we have no right to preach reform to the Chinese; no right to attack them on the ground that their laws are bad and their judiciary worse. They can answer simply, "our laws suit us, and so does our method of administering them. You yourselves show by your practice that you do not esteem us worthy of better things."

FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINES.

ATTACKS BY MOROS.

A Moro attack at Buldug, Lake Lanao District, on the night of the 8th inst., resulted in the killing of Private Mandanas, the wounding of Private Uial, Private Santiago, Senior Torres, the killing of eight members of the attacking party, and the subsequent desertion of a Constabulary soldier who took five guns with him.

The attack was begun at the signal of Datto Ami Munda, who was visiting the camp on an apparently peaceful mission. Senior Torres, who has long been feared by outlaws, was out by holes in the right side and the left hand and a gunshot wound was made in the left lung under the shoulder (M.V.), commanding the interior first Cottabato company, rushed to the defence with a detachment and routed the bandits with a loss of eight to them.

Lieutenant Farlong wired for reinforcements and medical aid, and Lieutenant Samuel D. Crawford started out from Parang with 35 Scouts and a company of the 25th Infantry, and is now co-operating with the Constabulary.

Lieutenant Bingle, U. S. Medical Department, started for Buldug at 7 o'clock by morning after the attack, accompanied by corporals and litter-bearers. The wounded were taken to the military hospital at Parang, where they are recovering and Senior Torres has a good chance of recovery.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward W. Griffith, commanding the Constabulary District of Mindanao, has gone in the field to personally investigate the desertion of the soldier with five guns.—*Cebu News-American*.

PROBABLE REDUCTION OF CHINESE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

A decision of the Philippine Supreme Court making certain radical changes in the Chinese immigration laws now in force there, has just been made public by Acting Collector of Customs McCoy.

The decision in question lays down the rule that no Chinese is a merchant unless transacting business, buying and selling merchandise, in his own name and at a fixed place of business. The merchant's name must be incorporated in the firm name and appear on the license. The ruling will have a far-reaching effect in reducing the number of Chinese in the islands. Formerly each member of a firm consisting of say, 19 people, would have a right to admission of his say, five children, reared in China, making a total of 95 hunky boys to be employed in the business of their progenitors.

It was a smooth trick to defeat the immigration laws, the "partnership of 19" in many cases being formed for the sole purpose of gaining admission to a horde of "boys" who swelled the ranks of the coolies after arrival in the Philippines. Under the new rule only the heads of firms and bona fide members of the same will have the privilege of bringing over their minor offspring, partners whose names do not appear in the firm name not being recognized as merchants. Close scrutiny will be exercised by the authorities to determine the matter of bona fide partnership.

The Supreme Court, in its decision, also holds that manufacturers and restaurant keepers are not to be considered as merchants.

The case now decided by the high tribunal is that of Lim Co versus the Collector of Customs. Lim Co was arrested in Manila as an unauthorized labourer and brought before the courts on deportation proceedings. He claimed to be a merchant, owning a panaderia and being interested in a vermelli factory and Judge Crossfield held the man entitled to remain in the Philippines. Appeal from that decision was taken by the Collector of Customs to the Supreme Court, which reversing the court of first instance, ruled as stated above.—*Manila Cable News*.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 24th at 11.45 a.m.—The barometer has fallen very rapidly over Central and Eastern Japan owing to the depression, which is moving towards E.N.E. over the latter area.

Pressure has increased quickly over China, an anticyclonic area of considerable intensity now occupying the Yangtze Valley. The barometer has also risen slightly over the S. Philippines.

Gradients are rather steep generally and strong N. and N.W. winds to gales may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

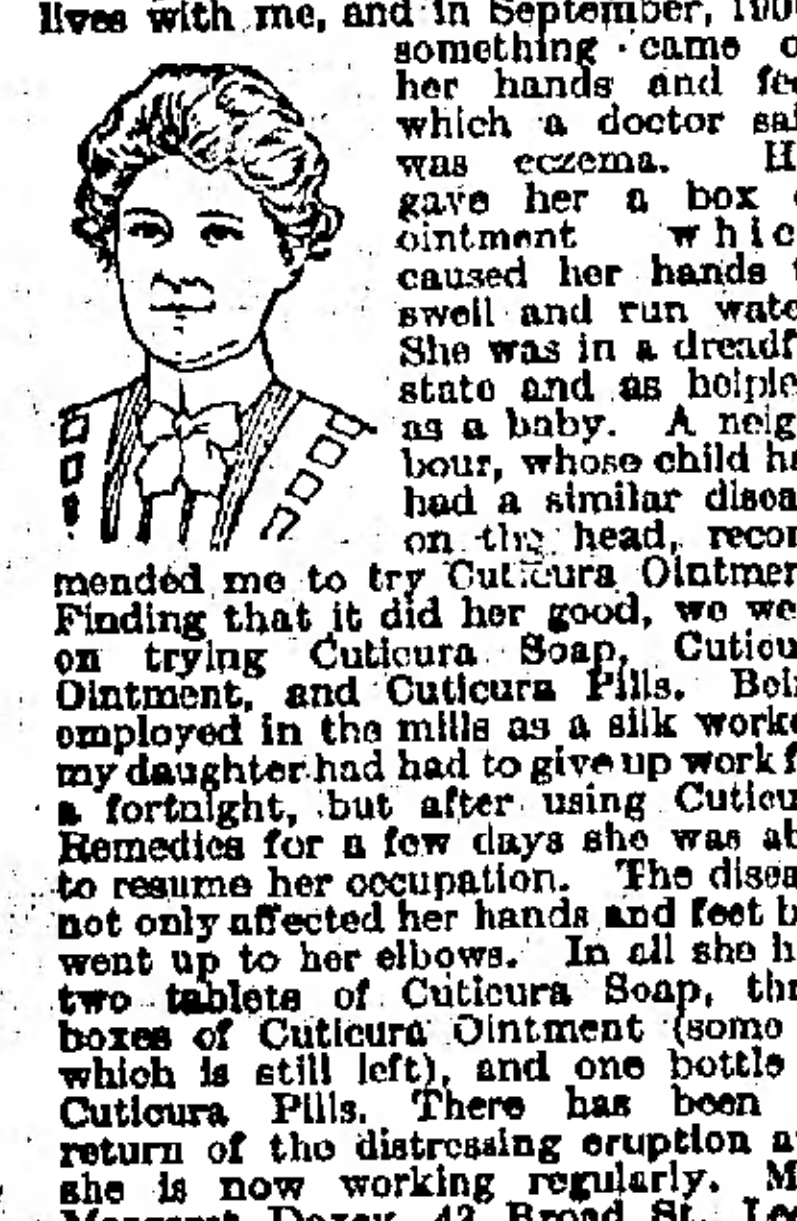
Hongkong & Neighbourhood. N. to N.E. winds, strong & fair, squally.
N. to N.E. winds, strong to a gale.
Same as No. 1.
Same as No. 2.

ECZEMA MADE HER GIVE UP WORK.

Hands, Arms, and Feet Affected—
Medical Treatment Made Hands Swell and Run Water—Was as Helpless as a Baby—Followed a Neighbour's Advice and Her

CURE BY CUTICURA HAS BEEN PERMANENT.

"My daughter, Mrs. Hannah Austin, lives with me, and in September, 1908, something came on her hands and feet which a doctor said was eczema. It was a box of ointment which caused her hands to swell and run water. She was in a dreadful state and as helpless as a baby. A neighbour, whose child had had a similar disease on the head, recommended me to try Cuticura Ointment. Finding that it did her good, we tried Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills. Being employed in the mills as a silk worker, my daughter had had to give up work for a fortnight, but after using Cuticura Remedies for a few days she was able to resume her occupation. The disease not only affected her hands and feet but went up to her elbows. In the end had two tablets of Cuticura Soap, three boxes of Cuticura Ointment (some of which is still left), and one bottle of Cuticura Pills. There has been no return of the distressing eruption and she is now working regularly. Mrs. Margaret Dorey, 43, Broad St., Leek, Staffordshire, June 19, 1907."



Send to nearest depot for free Cuticura Book on Treatment of Skin Diseases.

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That a warm bath with Cuticura Soap and a single anointing with Cuticura, the great Skin Cure, will soothe and cure eczema, scalds, and other skin troubles, will afford instant relief and refreshing sleep for skin-tormented babies, and rest for tired, worn-out mothers when a baby is afflicted.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HARBOR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES have Given Notice that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from the West Defence TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 26th inst., in a Westerly direction up to ranges of 10,000 yards. Practice will commence at 9.30 a.m. BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [516]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st April, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Account to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th April, to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, C. MONTAGUE EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [517]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LTD.

EXTRA Choice BACON and HAM.

This is a Special Line and will be found of exceptional quality.

Price—Cut or Uncut—Only 60 Cents a lb.

Hongkong, 25th March 1909. [520]

TO LET.

SHOP and DWELLING HOUSE, No. 78, Queen's Road, Central.

Apply to—S. J. DAVID & Co., Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [518]

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE FIGHT.

TOMMY BURNS V. JACK JOHNSON.

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH, 30TH & 31ST.

BOOKING AT

S. MOUTRIE & Co., LTD.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909. [519]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOKSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 26th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [16]

BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "KUMERIC," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE

MR. HENRI AUGUSTE BARBEY will Sign my Firm per Procuratoria from This Date.

A. B. MARTY, [487]

Hongkong, 18th March, 1909.

ENTERTAINMENT TO VISITING FLEETS.

SERVICE MEN invited to Luncheon at HAPPY VALLEY, TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 25th March, will be CARRIED FREE on all Cars between Post Office and Causeway Bay.

In addition to the ORDINARY SERVICE SPECIAL CARS to the RACE COURSE will leave Post Office at 11.30 a.m. and every 5 minutes until 12.30 p.m.

Invitation cards must be shown to the Conductor of the Car.

J. GRAY SCOTT, General Manager.

The Electric Traction Company of Hongkong, Limited. [510]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 25th inst., at the Rooms of the JOCKEY CLUB, HONGKONG CLUB ANNEXE, at 5 P.M.

C. G. MACKIE, Hon. Sec. & Treasurer. [492]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE

THE FIFTEENTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club (1896 issue—\$100 each) was held in the Hongkong Club House, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, 1909, when the following Debentures were Drawn for Redemption:

33	358	763	1180	1492
47	374	877	1210	1526
50	398	858	1218	1540
72	463	865	1220	1549
102	465	1009	1225	1557
112	573	1029	1243	1595
162	588	1040	1261	1652
167	594	1066	1280	1735
181	664	1087	1281	1826
182	685	1091	1291	1913
246	706	1099	1337	1927
254	721	1152	1346	1934
311	725	1164	1356	1963

and will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909, in Exchange for Surrender of same.

By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909. [493]

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members will be held at the CYRUS HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909, at 5.30 P.M.

SIR HENRY BARKLEY, K.C., Chairman of the Association, will preside.

A. R. LOWE, Secretary. [511]

Hongkong, 24th March, 1909.

IN THE ESTATE OF THE LATE THOMAS BROCKETT, FOOCHOW, China, Storekeeper.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having Claims against the above Estate are required to send particulars of same to the undersigned before the 15th Day of MAY, 1909. And all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

F. W. SHAW, Attorney for the Executor.

Foochow, 16th March, 1909. [502]

NOTICE

WE, the Undersigned, a well-established Firm trading in Human Hair, beg to inform the Public that we have now Opened an Office in Hongkong at 127, Des Voeux Road, (first floor). Hitherto our Business was carried on at Ka Ying Chou and Canton, but in the interest of our Patrons, and in order to make ourselves more widely known to prospective purchasers in this part of China we have thought it advisable to open the above Office for the transaction of our Hongkong Business.

We also desire to make known that the Goods supplied by us of the best quality procurable and are subjected to a special process of cleaning and drying known only to ourselves.

To prevent imitation and fraud we have adopted a special TRADE MARK an illustration of which appears hereunder.

LUN CHONG & Co.,

127, Des Voeux Rd. (first floor), Hongkong. [460]

FOR SALE.

NEW FOREIGN made Rubbertyred DOG CART and Fast Mandarin PONY, with New Harness complete.

On View at—KENNEDY'S STABLES.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909. [505]

SUTTON'S SEEDS.

Special Selections for South China.

CHINA EXPRESS CO.,

3, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

Shipping and Insurance Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY Order of the Mortgagee the VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situate at Victoria, Hongkong, and known as No. 19, JEANVOIS STREET (MARINE LOT No. 64) will be offered for Sale by MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st March, 1909, at 12 o'clock (Noon).

For particulars of the property and Conditions

PUBLIC COMPANY

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, St. George's Building, Victoria, SATURDAY, the 3rd day of April, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 27th March until SATURDAY, 3rd April, 1909, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. [512]

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 3rd April, 1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1908, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 31st March to SATURDAY, the 3rd April, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. [513]

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1908.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at Noon, on MONDAY, the 5th April, 1909, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd March to the 5th day April, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELEY, General Manager. [483]

Hongkong, 18th March, 1909.

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Head Office No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on FRIDAY, the 16th April, 1909, at 4.30 o'clock p.m. precisely for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1908, and the Election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 16th April, 1909, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for registration at least forty-eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. JACKSON, Secretary. [514]

Shanghai, 17th March, 1909.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after This Date, the Selling Price of Ice, will be Reduced to HALF A CENT per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd. [451]

Hongkong, 11th March, 1909.

TO LET

TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 25, CONDUIT ROAD (Clifton Gardens) from 1st of May, 1909.

Apply to—H. BRODERSEN, Care of THE ASIATIC FRIGATE CO. LD., King's Buildings. [468]

Hongkong, 15th March, 1909.

TO LET.

AT THE PEAK, HOUSE IN STEWART TERRACE, Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply—H. E. POLLOCK, 18 Bank Building. [494]

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Apply—SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited. [102]

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1907.

TO LET.

GODOWNS, Nos. 95, 96 and 97, PRATA EAST.

Apply—CHATER & MIDDY, Victoria Buildings. [264]

Hongkong, 1st February, 1909.

TO LET.

NO. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Shop). Opposite the Post Office.

No. 14, WYNDHAM STREET (suitable for Office and Godown).

No. 24, D'AGUIAR STREET (suitable for Office and Godown).

All of which are at present occupied by Weissmann Ltd. For Particulars, etc.

Apply to—YEE SANG FAT & Co., 34, Queen's Road Central. [489]

Hongkong, 19th March, 1909.

TO LET.

A HOUSE in MOUNTAIN VIEW for one or two years.

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GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1909. [98]

TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau-mati, Area 85,200 square feet and with 255 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1908. [103]

TO LET.

TO LET FURNISHED, No. 7, Caine Road. Electric Light and Fans, from 1st of June for 7 months.

For further particulars apply to—BUMANN & HERBLINGER, 15 & 17, Connaught Road.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [403]

TO LET.

A HOUSE in Wong Nei Chong Road.

A HOUSE in RIPON TERRACE, No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road.

No. 10, DES VOUEX ROAD CENTRAL, 1st floor.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING, GODOWNS in PRATA EAST, BLUE BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Voeux Road next to the HONGKONG HOTEL.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE.

Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [97]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 6, MACDONNELL ROAD, from May 22nd, for six months.

FRED. J. HALTON, Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [488]

STORAGE.

FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, Suitable for above Purpose. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER.

Also FOR SALE.

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [95]

TO LET.

UNFURNISHED—Nos. 8 and 10, WYNDHAM STREET, containing 6 Large Rooms each. Can be let together or separately.

Apply to—Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [213]

TO LET.

FOUR and FIVE ROOMED HOUSES at Kowloon.

NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals.

OFFICES on the 1st Floor Hotel Mansions lately occupied by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

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Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [125]

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"FUNG-SHUI," THE PEAK. To be let Furnished for 3 months or longer.

Apply—JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1909. [110]

TO LET.

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, No. 4, MOUNTAIN VIEW (Peak), Furnished from 1st June to 30th September, 1909.

FERNSIDE No. 71, PEAK Unfurnished from 1st May 1909.

A 6-ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished at the Peak.

GLENSHIEL next to Plantation Road, Tram Station. Furnished 5 Rooms, for 5 months from 5th May, 1909.

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BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Shops, Offices and Dwelling Rooms.

DWELLING ROOMS and OFFICES in Queen's Road Central.

GODOWNS in Duddell Street.

HELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, Robinson Road.

FOR SALE—TOS CEEST, at Peak, commanding a Magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands.

Apply to—LINSTED & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909. [100]

TO LET.

NO. 6, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. Five-Roomed House; Electric Lights and Tennis Court.

BRANNE BUNGALOW, Kowloon. A Small Garden attached. Moderate Rental.

Apply to—ARRATON V. APCAR & Co., 45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [399]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central (formerly occupied by Mess

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MADAME MARTY, to Sell by Public Auction,

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY,

the 29th and 30th March, 1909, commencing each day at 2.30 P.M., at No. 13, Peak Road (Upper Albany).

A RARE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF

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COMPRISING—

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FINELY CARVED RHINOCEROS HORN CUPS and ORNAMENTS.
CARVED IVORY FIGURES, CRYSTAL VASES and CUPS, VERY FINE OADE VASE and ORNAMENT, JADE CUPS, BOWLS, FIGURES, &c., &c.
OLD PEKING CLOISONNE INCENSE BURNERS, VASES and BOWLS, PEKING SILK EMBROIDERIES.
FINE Selection of OLD BRONZES, (some inlaid with Gold).

ALSO
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1 LIMOGES TEA SET.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PURE IRISH HOUSEHOLD LINENS, LACE CURTAINS, TOWELS, &c., &c., &c., (due to arrive here per S.S. "Tyneus" on the 25th instant.)

MESSES. HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

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A small quantity of FANCY TWEEDS, SERGES, &c., in Suit Lengths. (A few lots of Yamatos (Japanese) CREPE SHIRTS will also be put up for sale). The above Goods will be on View from MONDAY, the 29th instant, when catalogues may be had on application.
Terms—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

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ICE

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1909.

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Hongkong 1st April, 1909.

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CHINESE MINTS.

The following information relative to Chinese mints, collected from reports received during the past year (1908) from His Majesty's Consular officers in the districts concerned, is given in the Board of Trade Journal.

Canton.—The Provincial Mint, which is situated just outside the East Gate of the City, is actively engaged (Aug. 4) in minting 1 dol. and 20-cent coins. "Until recently the mint has been flooding the market with subsidiary coins, about 80,000 being turned out daily, and the discount on these coins now (Aug. 4) stands at over 8 per cent. Representations, however, from Hongkong and from His Majesty's Minister in Peking have resulted in a temporarily diminished output of 20-cent pieces, and an increased issue of 1 dol. pieces. No copper coins are at present (Aug. 4) being struck.

Chongking.—The coins being issued (Aug. 21) by the Chongking mint are dollars, half-dollars, 20-cent pieces, 10-cent pieces, rupees and half-rupees (all these silver), and 20 and 10-cash copper pieces. Copper pieces, unpierced, value 1 cash and 2 cash, were soon to be issued.

Chinkiang.—The only mint in this district is at present (July 13) at a standstill, and there is no indication when it is to be re-opened.

Foochow.—The mint at Foochow is in operation (July 15) and turning out 2-cash pieces. The mint at Pagoda Anchorage is closed, and it is not likely that it will be put in operation again in the near future.

Hangchow.—For about two years no coins of money, either copper or silver, has taken place at any of the Hangchow mints. Previous to that time there were two principal mints one known as the old mint in north-east of the city, at which both silver and copper coins were issued; the other, or new mint, in the north-west of Hangchow, issuing only copper.

In addition there were, or had been, two other small mints, one of which was a branch or annex added to the old mint and the other was connected with the Provincial Treasurer's Office. On the closing of the Hangchow Mints there appears at first to have been an intention to remove the machinery to Foochow, but it was never put into execution. Subsequently it was suggested that one or more of these establishments might be converted into an electric light station, but this also fell through. It seems that there is no intention of resuming coinage in Hangchow.

Kiangnan (Nanking).—A new coin, a copper one-cash piece, was first minted on June 30, 1908, but did not attain a satisfactory circulation, some 20,000,000 pieces only being produced up to Sept. 3. The Viceroy at Nanking, the Governor of Hunan, and the Viceroy at Wuchang have obtained permission to use up the stocks of copper already in hand at their respective mints in the coinage of copper 10-cash pieces. The production of these copper 10-cash pieces recommenced at the Kiangnan mint with a daily output of 2,000,000 pieces, after having been in abeyance since April 30, 1908, while a certain number of the copper one-cash pieces are still being coined, there being no fixed limit to the daily output. When the present stock of copper is used up the mint will cease work; at the date of the report (Sept. 3) the stock was understood to amount to about 20,000 pieces (840 tons), so that the closing of the mint was expected to occur towards the end of November or in December last. No silver dollars have been produced at the Kiangnan mint since October, 1895.

Mukden.—The Mukden mint was at a standstill from March to November, 1908, and only resumed working about the end of November. It coins small silver coins of the value of ten and twenty cents, and about 400 lbs. of silver are melted each day. The minting of copper coins has ceased. The mint at Kirin is also working at present (Dec. 14), turning out coins of the value of ten, twenty, and fifty cents.

Nan Chang.—The only mint in the province of Kiangnan, viz. that at Nan Chang, the provincial capital, has been closed for more than a year, and is not likely to be re-opened, the machinery having been sold or become useless through neglect, and the premises having been converted into a yard for building steam-launches.

Tientsin.—There are two mints in Tientsin, the Central and the Tientsin Branch, both of which are at present (Sept. 7) in operation. In accordance with an Imperial edict, both mints ceased from last May to coin ten-cash copper pieces. In order to keep the workmen employed, however, they have continued to coin one-cash pieces—some 50,000 to 40,000 a day—and also silver dollars; the latter operation being carried on at a loss owing to a fall in exchange. Recently, moreover, in order to clear off a stock in hand of over 10,000 worth of copper, the Branch mint has resumed the coinage of 10-cash pieces, and turns out some 300,000 pieces per day, but as there is no market for these they remain unused. The question of minting one-cash pieces or 72 pieces (equivalent to one dollar) was (Sept. 7) under discussion.

Wuchang.—The copper mint at Wuchang was closed on April 25, 1908, except for the minting of one-cash pieces, of which 200,000 are coined daily. It was reported (July 20) that one-cash pieces would be coined as before from the middle of August. The silver mint at Wuchang is closed, and it is impossible to say when it will re-open.

ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute was held in the Library of the Institute last month, Admiral Sir N. Bowden-Smith presiding. Sir M. O'Malley (hon. treasurer) having explained the accounts, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report, and said that the Council had made the Rhodes scholars' honorary Fellows while they were at Oxford (hear, hear), about sixty of them could use the Institute, and it was hoped that on their return home many of them would become Fellows. As to the part of the premises which the Admiralty would vacate in 1910, they were considering the position, and perhaps would be let off the Craven-street portion, using the rest to enlarge their own premises. The Council had extended to the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference honorary membership (hear, hear)—and that might make the Institute better known overseas. Referring to the dinner given by the Institute to Lord Northcote on his return from Australia, the Chairman remarked that in consequence of the increasing armaments of other countries we had to concentrate our fleet in home waters, with the result that Australia and New Zealand could not expect substantial naval assistance from the Mother Country if attacked by armoured vessels. It was not a good thing that our fleet should be tied to these shores, and we should therefore keep a really Territorial Army ready to be mobilised at short notice (hear, hear), that some of our ships could be released to do duty wherever required.

Mr. Colomb seconded the motion.
In the course of the debate Mr. A. R. Colquhoun pointed out that the income of the Institute and its membership had been practically stagnant for years. The Fellows really ought to have a more lively interest in the working of the Institute, the government of which should be more truly representative. As matters stood

part of the Council retired annually, but the retiring men could be re-elected, and were put up again by the Council. To try and oust any of them was an "invidious task," so the Council got no new blood unless a death occurred (hear, hear). In other societies like the Royal Geographical and the Civil Engineers retiring members could not immediately be re-elected, and therefore a popular and democratic element came in. He moved an amendment providing that the adoption of the report should be deferred pending the calling of a special general meeting to consider the advisability of making certain changes in the constitution, and requesting the Council to call such a meeting within two months.

Mr. W. L. Grant seconded the motion, asserting that as things stood the Council was a self-perpetuating body, which never got new blood and ideas unless death made a vacancy. The Chairman ruled the amendment out of order, although he said he had much sympathy with the views of those supporting it. The rules provided a ready means of securing a meeting to deal with the whole question.

After some further discussion the report and accounts were agreed to, votes of thanks to the staff, to the Chairman, and the Council were passed, and the proceedings terminated, it being understood that the necessary signatures were forthcoming to ensure a special general meeting to consider the points raised by Mr. Colquhoun.

ECHOS FROM EVERYWHERE.

BEQUESTED TO FORTITUDE.

Johann Boland, who died last week at Sude, in Schleswig-Holstein, has left a will whereby his entire fortune of £25 is to be invested until, with compound interest, it has reached the sum of £15,000. This will be about the year 9179, when his relatives will divide the money.

THE COMING STORM.

Sir H. von Herkomer, who was the guest of the Authors' Club, related how he once saw the reproduction of a picture advertised for sale. The original was the work of a well-known sea painter, and was called "The Coming Storm." Under this title, in large type, the advertisement ran: "Suitable for a wedding present."

PASSING HIGH ON £40 A YEAR.
A few days after Mr. Wilbur Wright had received a money prize of £40, offered by the Sarthe Aero Club for rising to a given height from the ground, M. Lazare Weiller, the financier, said, "Well, Mr. Wright, you have accomplished all you undertook to do, and I have brought you a cheque for £10,000 on account of the £20,000 agreed upon." But the Mail states Mr. Wilbur Wright shook his head, and, in his curious, abrupt manner, replied, "No, I beg to tell my brother Orville comes over. Give it to him. I have just received £40 from the Sarthe Aero Club, and that will suffice me for a twelvemonth."

QUESTIONS FOR SUFFRAGISTS.
Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, who has allied herself with those who are making war on women's suffrage in New York, has written a letter in which she asks—

"Why do not some wealthy, talented women of our city who talk so much about women's rights like women as butlers, cooks, valets, useful men, mechanical footmen, and so on to the end of his chapter, and having done so, would they pay them men's wages? Can we fancy Mrs. Remond or Mrs. de Stael in knickerbockers, with short skirts, in Derby hats, engaged in a hand-to-hand fight at the polls?"

SWINDLER WITH 50 WIVES.
Harry J. Bauman, alias Herman Brandt, known as the "Prince of Swindlers," who has been sentenced to Chicago to five years imprisonment for defrauding a number of people, says that he is a very fine-looking man, the Chicago says, with most plausible air and distinguished manners. It is said he has swindled women in America out of at least £100,000. His particular line of crime was bigamy, and detectives declared in court that he had at least fifty wives in Europe and America, each one of whom he had swindled out of money. He even defrauded the lawyers who were defending him, by giving them worthless cheques.

SUPERAGENTS BY LETTER POST.
The superagents of day last month took advantage of the relations, which allow the sending of a "human letter" to try to effect another visitation to Mr. Asquith's official residence at Downing-street.

Mrs. Drummond despatched Miss Solomon and Miss McEellan from the West Strand Post Office to Downing-street. The women were, however, stopped by the police before near the house, and the messenger into whose charge they were given proceeded to the door along a blind butler, who also knew the post office regulations, informed the youthful escort that his "human letter" could not be taken in. "You are dead letters," he informed the charmed suffragists, and you must be returned to the senders. And after a little assistance from the police this was effected.

LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS TOO HIGH.
Complaint is being made by American life insurance policy holders that present premiums are too high, and are based on mortality tables prepared in 1861, since which time the average length of life has been increased 10 per cent. The insurance companies have taken no notice of the fact that within fifty years improved sanitary conditions, a higher standard of living, and development of medical science have given man a better grip on life than he ever had before. In some cases companies have raised premiums within fifty years, instead of lowering them, as policy holders assert should be done if the actuarial departments of the companies were run on a scientific basis. The present mortality tables are said to allow companies to pay enormous bonuses to agents for obtaining new business. Instead of policy holders benefiting, the agents receive the reward of the increase in longevity.

SPOKE WITH NAPOLEON.
Anne Josephine Rubay, the only living woman, who could say that she had spoken to Napoleon at the battle of Ligny died last month at Ligny at the age of hundred, and four years. A week before her death she told the following story: "Before the battle of Ligny Napoleon established his headquarters at my mother's inn. Napoleon's staff camped in the garden, where my father had buried his money. One night I went into the garden and was arrested. They brought me before the Emperor. 'What are you doing here?' he asked, and I confessed my anxiety about my father's money. Napoleon said: 'Call your father. My father came and the Emperor gave him some orders and asked him several questions about the surrounding country. He also congratulated him on his daughter, and then turning to me he said, 'Here is my portrait, and he gave me a gold piece.'

PETS OF THE PUBLIC.
Mr. Justice Bigham, the successor to Sir Gorrell Barnes as President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, speaking at the dinner of the Liverpool Philanthropic Society, said that since he had been at the Bar prisoners had become the pet of the public. He remembered the day when prisoners were not allowed to give evidence in the witness-box; some cursed spite gave them the privilege; God help them, for a more dreadful pit

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENDORAN,"
FROM MIDDLEBRO', ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3rd proximo, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at PHIPPS RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 27th March, 9 A.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognized.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To Day.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1909.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STAMSHIP LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be immediately landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

D. W. CRADDOCK,
Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1909.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NUBIA	About 27th March	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	About 1st April	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Noon, 3rd April	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SUMATRA	About 12th April	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD. SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	CHINHUA	On 25th March, 4 P.M.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	YINGCHOW	On 26th March, 11 P.M.
AMOY and SHANGHAI	KWANGSE	On 26th March, 4 P.M.
PAKHAI and HAIPHONG	SINGAN	On 27th March, 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	On 28th March, 11 P.M.
MANILA	TAMING	On 30th March, 3 P.M.
Cebu and ILOILO	SUNGKIANG	On 1st April, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	LINAN	On 1st April, 4 P.M.
MANILA	TEAN	On 6th April, 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 25th March, 1909.BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Saturday, 27th March, Noon
TIENSIN via SWATOW, WEL- HAIWEI & CHEFOO	"CHIPSHING"	Saturday, 27th March, Noon
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 27th March, 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"SUISANG"	Saturday, 27th March, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday, 30th March, 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Wednesday, 31st March, Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAUSANG"	Thursday, 1st April, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 2nd April, 4 P.M.

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"HAICHING"	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, 30th March, at Noon

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AMOY	"CHOSHUN MARU"	TUESDAY, 30th March, at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st March, at 8 A.M.
ANPING via SWATOW	"SHOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st March, at 8 A.M.

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1909.

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OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE :		
S.S. BELGRAVIA	31st March	
S.S. SILESIA	15th April	
S.S. SCANDIA	27th April	
S.S. SENEGAMBIA	10th May	
S.S. SEGOVIA	17th May	
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